paid daily wages as per the statutory provision of the Minimum Wages Act and also, as per the notification of Delhi Administration from time to time.

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that daily wages workers continue in service since about 2-3 years are even denied National holidays and other statutory benefits; and

(e) what action Government have taken or proposed to take into the matter referred above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir. It is not a fact.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Application pending for Drawback and Central Excise Refund

1156. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of application of exporters are pending for drawback and refund of Central Excise;

(b) if so, what is the number of applications that are pending and the number of applications that have been cleared during the last one year; and

(c) what are the reason for delay in clearance of these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The number of drawback claims and refund|rebate claims of Central Excise pending as on 31-3-91 were 38,892 and 5,084 respectively. During the last one year ending 31.3.91 the number of drawback claims and refund|rebate claims of Central Excise cleared were 5,31,772 and 33,607 respectively. It might be clarified that at any one point of time a certain number of claims will be pending particularly if they have been received during the previous month.

(c) Delay in settlement caused is mainly due to non-submission of required documents by exporters and in some cases for want of chemical test results as far as drawback is concerned.

Refund|rebate claims of Central Excise are delayed for want of non-submission of relevant documents like proof of exports, AR4|AR4A forms by the assessees.

Hostels for working women in the Country

1157. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hostels constructed for working women in different States in the country; and

(b) what is the criteria of giving assistance for the construction of hostels for working women by voluntary organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUM. MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) 599 Working Women's Hostels to provide accommodation to 38,251 Working Women have been sanctioned. A Statement showing State|Union Territory-wise distribution of the projects is given at the Statement.

(b) Under the Central Scheme of Assistance for Construction|Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day Care Centre for